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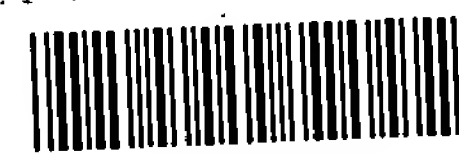
Applicant : Amy A. Ekechukwu

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RADIOACTIVE METAL



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**PETITION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL
OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

ATTN: Office of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Petitions Examiner, Building CP3, Room 11A09

Sir:

This Petition is being submitted in response to a Notice of Abandonment dated July 19, 2002, for the above-identified application.

The Notice of Abandonment states that Applicant failed to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

This Petition transmits documents which should provide satisfactory evidence that the Notice of Allowance referenced in the Notice of Abandonment was not received by Applicant.

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The attachment is:

1. Declaration of Betty A. Winchester with attachment

Applicant therefore declares that the Notice of Allowance was not received and that the holding of abandonment occurred through no fault of the applicants or their representative.

In view of these facts, Applicants attorney respectfully petitions that the Holding of Abandonment of this application be withdrawn and the Notice of Allowance be remailed to Applicant with a time period set for response.

Sincerely,



Julia Cook Moody
Registration No. 48931
Attorney for Applicants

Attachments

Washington, D. C.
202-586-2810

Dated: **AUG 16 2002**



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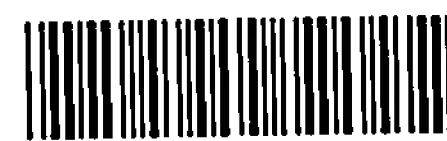
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**DECLARATION OF BETTY A. WINCHESTER
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

ATTN: Petitioners Examiner

Sir:

I, Betty A. Winchester, hereby declare:

That I am a Paralegal Specialist in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel
for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property of the United States Department of
Energy;

That I was in that position in January 2002;

That my duties at that time included the processing of all domestic Notices,
Office Actions and other forms of Communications received from the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office (PTO);

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That our office procedure is that all such Notices would be delivered to me by the person who opens the mail, unless I personally opened the mail, in which case I take them to my desk;

That I maintain a computerized record of all received Notices of Allowance and Office Actions due, as well as other papers from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO);

That I maintain a file wrapper record of all received Notices of Allowance and other PTO documents;

That upon receiving a Notice of Allowance from the PTO, I enter the action code and the due date into the database;

That upon receiving a Notice of Allowance from the PTO, I would place a copy of the Allowance in the file and enter a record of that paper on the front of the file wrapper;

That attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of our file wrapper record of application serial number 09/672,046, showing that the formal application was filed on September 29, 2000, and that there were no further notices or communications received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, until receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 19, 2002;

That if a Notice of Allowance for application serial number 09/672,046 had been delivered to me at any time during 2002, I would have processed it as stated above;

That I do not believe a Notice of Allowance for application for application serial number 09/672,046, was ever delivered to me or was ever in any mail opened by me;

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That I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of application serial number 09/672,046 or any patent which may be issue thereon.

That all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and belief are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Respectfully submitted,



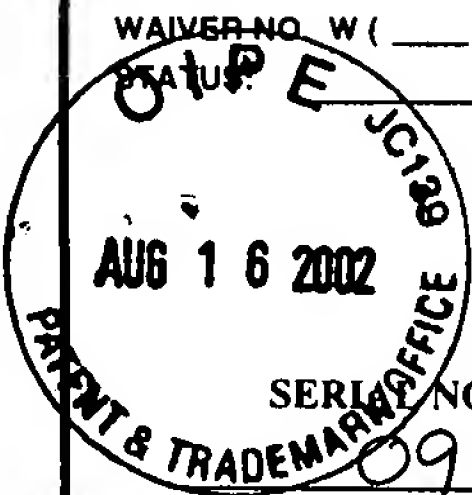
Betty A. Winchester
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Attachment:
Exhibit A

Washington, D. C.
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Dated: August 16, 2002

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September 29 2000Method for Electrochemical
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EXHIBIT A

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